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Meet the Cast

KAYANO MIKO

ALSO A MEMBER OF THE TAKATOU FAMILY, SHE HAS THE POWER TO READ PEOPLE'S SOULS. SHE LEARNED THAT THE RITUAL OF "CALLING DOWN GOD," PERFORMED WHEN ONE ASCENDS TO HEAD OF THE FAMILY, WAS DANGEROUS AND INTERRUPTED YUKI'S ACCESSION CEREMONY TO SAVE HIM.

YUKI TAKATOU

NEXT IN LINE TO BE HEAD OF THE TAKATOU FAMILY, UNTIL THE FAMILY LEARNED OF SUNAO'S EXISTENCE. YUKI HAS THE ABILITY TO CONTROL FIRE.

SUNAO FUJIWARA

A HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN WITH THE POWER TO MANIPULATE WATER. HER CAREFREE, INDEPENDENT ATTITUDE AND INSISTENCE ON DRESSING LIKE A BOY MAKE HER A DIFFICULT STUDENT. YET SHE HAS A SOFT SPOT FOR THOSE IN NEED. IT HAS RECENTLY COME TO LIGHT THAT SHE IS THE DAUGHTER OF IZUMI, THE PREVIOUS HEAD OF THE TAKATOU FAMILY.

HOKAGE MINAI

A QUIET MAN WHO LIVES WITH SUNAO AND ACTS AS HER PARENT AS SUCH. HE IS APPARENTLY BECAUSE OF HIS LOVE FOR SUNAO'S MOTHER, IZUMI. [illegible] KAGUYA. HE WAS ONE OF THE TAKATOU FAMILY [illegible] HEAD.

IKUSHIMA KUREHA

SUNAO'S CLASSMATE AND A MODEL STUDENT, KUREHA HAS BORN A WILD STREAK AND ONCE ATTEMPTED TO SET THE SCHOOL ON FIRE. AFTER BEING SAVED BY SUNAO, KUREHA CHOSE TO VENT HER FEELINGS IN A MORE AFFECTIONATE, IF SOMEWHAT PERVERTED, MANNER.

SHIZUKI KAGUYA

THE INFAMOUS AND ECCENTRIC NURSE AT SUNAO'S SCHOOL. HE KNOWS OF SUNAO'S POWERS AND ALSO USED TO BE A MEMBER OF THE TAKATOU FAMILY, BUT LEFT FOR SOME UNKNOWN REASON.

PREVIOUSLY:

KAYANO MIKO DISCOVERED THAT THE RITUAL OF ASCENSION, A RITE PERFORMED WHEN ONE BECOMES HEAD OF THE FAMILY, IS MORE DANGEROUS THAN THE POWERFUL TAKATOU FAMILY HAS LET ON. MOST WHO ATTEMPT IT DIE A SLOW, PAINFUL DEATH. TO SAVE HIM FROM THIS, KAYANO INTERRUPTED YUKI'S ACCESSION CEREMONY WITH THE HELP OF KAGUYA AND SUNAO. AT THE SAME TIME, THEY UNEXPECTEDLY DISCOVERED THAT SUNAO'S MOTHER, IZUMI, WAS ACTUALLY THE PRIOR HEAD OF THE FAMILY. INTRIGUINGLY, IT APPEARS THAT HOKAGE HAS KNOWN THIS ALL ALONG...

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SORRY SIR! I TRIED TO STOP HIM, BUT—
Oh dear
YOU PREFER THE NOTHING-UNDER-THE-APRON LOOK?
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?!
Just look at these clothes!
PLEASE
YOU SHAME THE FAMILY! IT'S DISGUSTING!
...KNOW BY NOW?
Heh
DON'T YOU ELDERS
WH-WHA?!
OH! THIS IS SO MUCH FUN!
SHAMING THE FAMILY IS PRECISELY WHY I DO IT!
YOUNG PEOPLE?!
Young people these days
KAGUYA, CHILD... THIS SEASONING'S A BIT STRONG...

I SIMPLY RETURNED HER TO HER RIGHTFUL PLACE
THAT'S ALL
HOW CAN YOU BE SO CRUEL?!
SHI-ZUKI...
YOU KNEW ABOUT SUNAO ALL THIS TIME...
WHY'D YOU REVEAL HER NOW?!
...WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?
WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?!
I AM SOOO SORRY
...THAT I DON'T MEASURE UP TO SOMEONE AS DECREPIT, OLD, AND YET STILL SINGLE, AS YOU
PLEASE, DO GO ON... I WOULD JUST LOVE SOME MORE ADVICE FROM YOU
I SEE WELL, SINCE YOU ASKED
Help! Kidnapper
You really need to learn to behave properly
...LET'S BEGIN RIGHT NOW!
I SHALL TEACH YOU DILIGENTLY!

THERE'S NEVER BEEN ANYTHING
LIKE TRUST BETWEEN SUNAO AND I...
Heh
WHAT STRANGE IDEAS YOU HAVE!
DON'T YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT YOU'RE DOING?!
WE SIMPLY USED EACH OTHER WHEN IT WAS CONVENIENT.
HOW CAN YOU CRITICIZE ME?
IT'S LIKE YOU'RE ..
. DESTROYING THAT GIRL'S TRUST IN YOU ON PURPOSE!

.....
SO WHAT?
SHE'S IZUMI'S DAUGHTER, DAMMIT!
YOU SAW IZUMI'S CURSED FLESH SMELLED THE STENCH...
AND YOU THINK I'M THE CRUEL ONE?
HOW CAN YOU BE SO COLD ABOUT THIS?
YOU THINK IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER TO LET YUKI TAKE OVER?
WELL, I
YOU ARE NO LONGER A CHILD
YOU NEED TO LET GO OF YOUR IDEALS AND THE FACE FACTS

SEE YA, JERK!
.....

YOU LEFT THE FAMILY AND PUSHED EVERYTHING ON YUKI...
HOW LONG DO YOU INTEND TO PLAY THE INNOCENT BYSTANDER?
OR ARE YOU ONLY THINKING OF YOURSELF, LIKE ALWAYS?
GEE, THANKS A LOT
...FOR THE ADVICE

I'LL GIVE YOU
ONE LIFE, ONE SPELL
ONE CURSE
KAGUYA!

AH! MY HAIR!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?
OH, SUNAO! IT'S CAUGHT!

ARE YOU UP THERE BECAUSE
—YOU'RE HIDING FROM SOMEONE?
There
GOT IT
THANKS
WHAT'RE YOU DOING UP THERE, ANYWAY?
WANT ME TO UNTANGLE IT?
NO WAY!
MY HAIR IS MY LIFE!!
MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST CUT IT—
What a pain

PLEASE LOOK AFTER YUKI
EEK!
EEEK! WHAT IN THE WORLD?
PRETTY MAGIC, ISN'T IT?
THEN HERE
I FINALLY CAUGHT UP WITH YOU!
I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN AGES!
I'M SORRY
I'VE BEEN BUSY WITH MY EXAMS
OH, REALLY?
IT'S BORING WHEN YOU'RE NOT AROUND! I HAVEN'T ANYONE TO TALK TO!
DIS-GUSTING
GASP!

WHAT IS THIS?
WHA
WHO'S . THERE?
IT ISN'T
I'M A PERSON, NOT A THING
WHY IS THIS HERE?!
A SMALL IMPURITY AT ALL
WHAT IS THAT?
IT'S AWFUL
BUT THIS IS THE HEART OF SHINTO
WHAT'S THAT SMELL?!
WHO IS IT?
A FAINT TRACE OF
A HIDDEN DOOR ?
SOMETHING IMPURE ?

DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THEM?!
AND WITH ME! I'VE BEEN SO NAIVE! TRUSTING THE PATH THEY CREATED WITHOUT QUESTION
I SEE
YOU HAVE TO QUESTION PEOPLE WHO WOULD DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS!
BUT DOES SUCCESSION MEAN I'LL END UP A MONSTER, TOO?!
DON'T YOU KNOW?
EVERYONE CRAVES TO BE ONE OF US THOSE WITH POWER
SUC-CESSOR?
WHAT ?
A VESSEL WHO HOLDS POWERS INHUMAN
I SEE.
HOW CAN SHE BE SO CALM?
HOW CAN SHE STILL BE SANE IN SUCH A PUTRID PLACE?!
ARE YOU THE NEXT SUCCESSOR?

I'M ASKING YOUR THOUGHTS ON MAKING IZUMI'S DAUGHTER THE NEXT HEAD
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
I AM IZUMI.
ONE WHO FAILED TO JOIN WITH GOD
WHAT?
YOU KNOW, YOU PEOPLE
—AFTER ALL THIS, YOU STILL—
I DON'T MIND.
IT'S FINE
SUNAO?
SHALL YOU END UP HERE, ALSO?
IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO BECOME A MONSTER, THEN
—IT WOULD BE WELL FOR YOU TO GET OUT NOW
THE WORDS SHE SPEAKS
THAT NO ONE WOULD GIVE ME UNTIL NOW
YOU
WHAT ARE YOU?!
YOU ARE NOT AN IDIOT
WHY DO YOU FOLLOW THEM?
SANE ?
DO YOU FEAR ME? DO YOU LOATHE ME?
THEN YOU ARE SANE

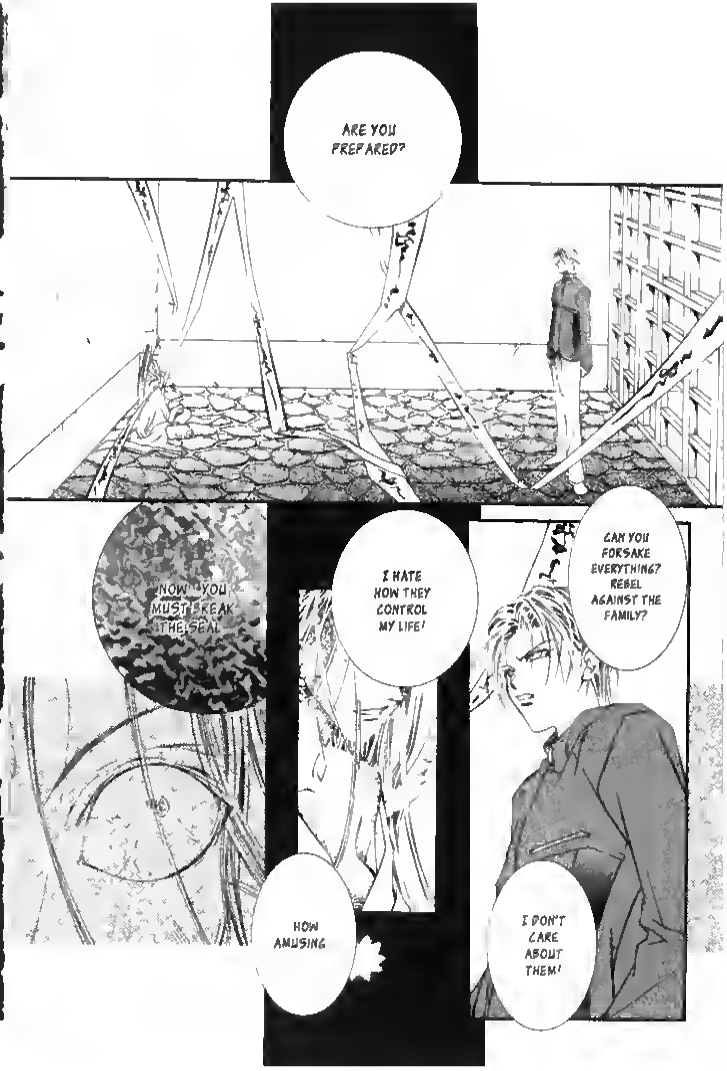
SHE BEARS A STRONG RESEMBLANCE TO THE PRIOR HEAD
I SEE
YOU AGREE TO BECOME THE TAKATOU FAMILY HEAD, FULLY AWARE OF THE DANGERS?
YOU
JUST LIKE THAT, YOU CHANGE IT?!
WHAT ABOUT US?!
YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
NOW, WAIT A MINUTE!
REALLY?
OOH!
I WON'T ALLOW IT!
SILENCE YUKI
FATH–

.. EVER FORGIVE YOU
I WON'T LET HER
I SWEAR
I WON'T
VERY.
SATISFIED NOW?
WELL DONE, SUNAO
WHOA!
YOU! YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING!
GET THE SEDATIVE!
KAYANO AND I AREN'T YOUR DAMN TOYS!

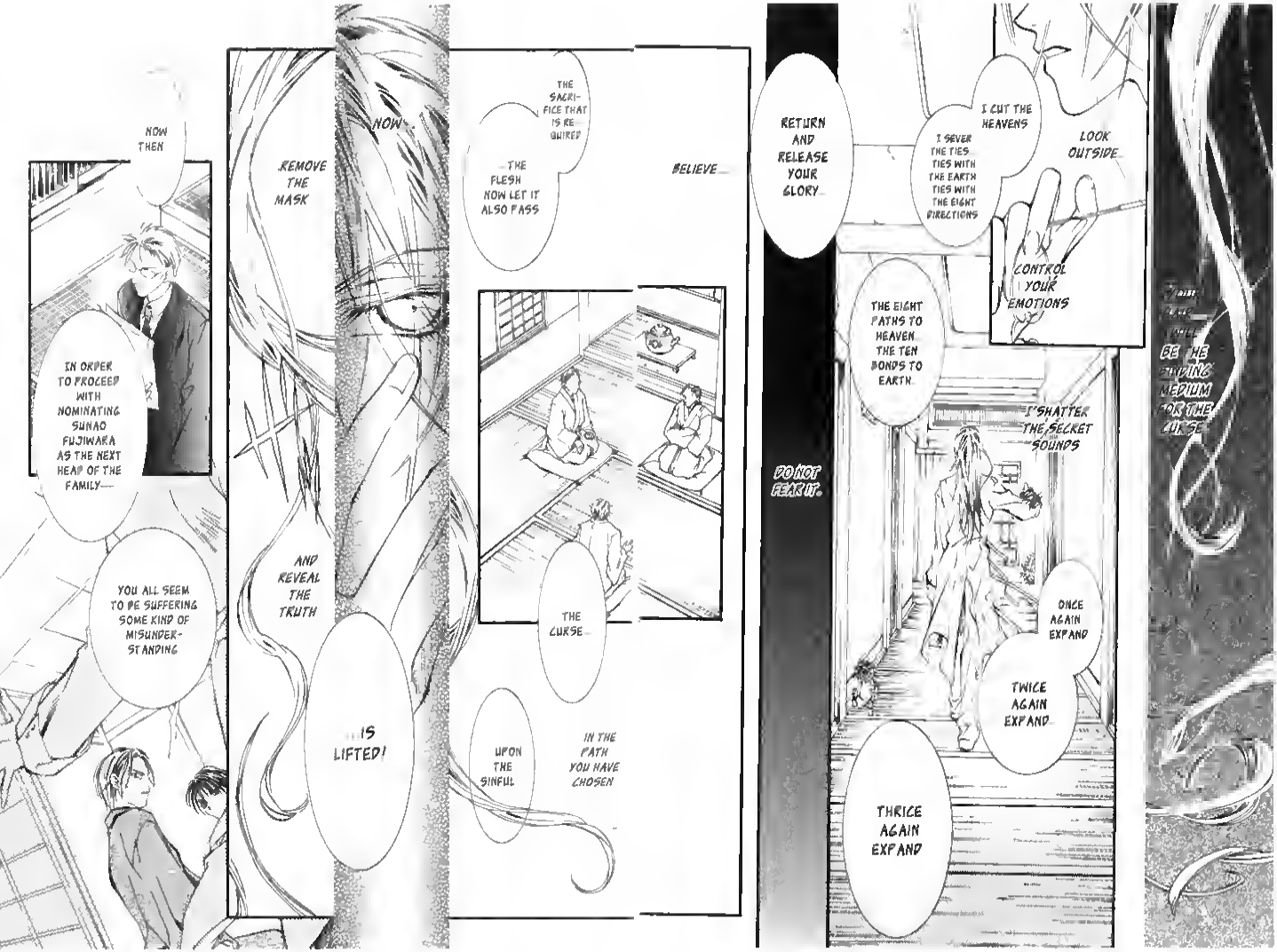
I KNEW...
FROM THE BEGINNING
IT WAS NEVER LOVE
IT WAS
BUT WE'VE BOTH DONE HORRIBLE THINGS
THAT'S WHY I
ONLY OUR EGOS
DON'T REALLY CARE ANYMORE

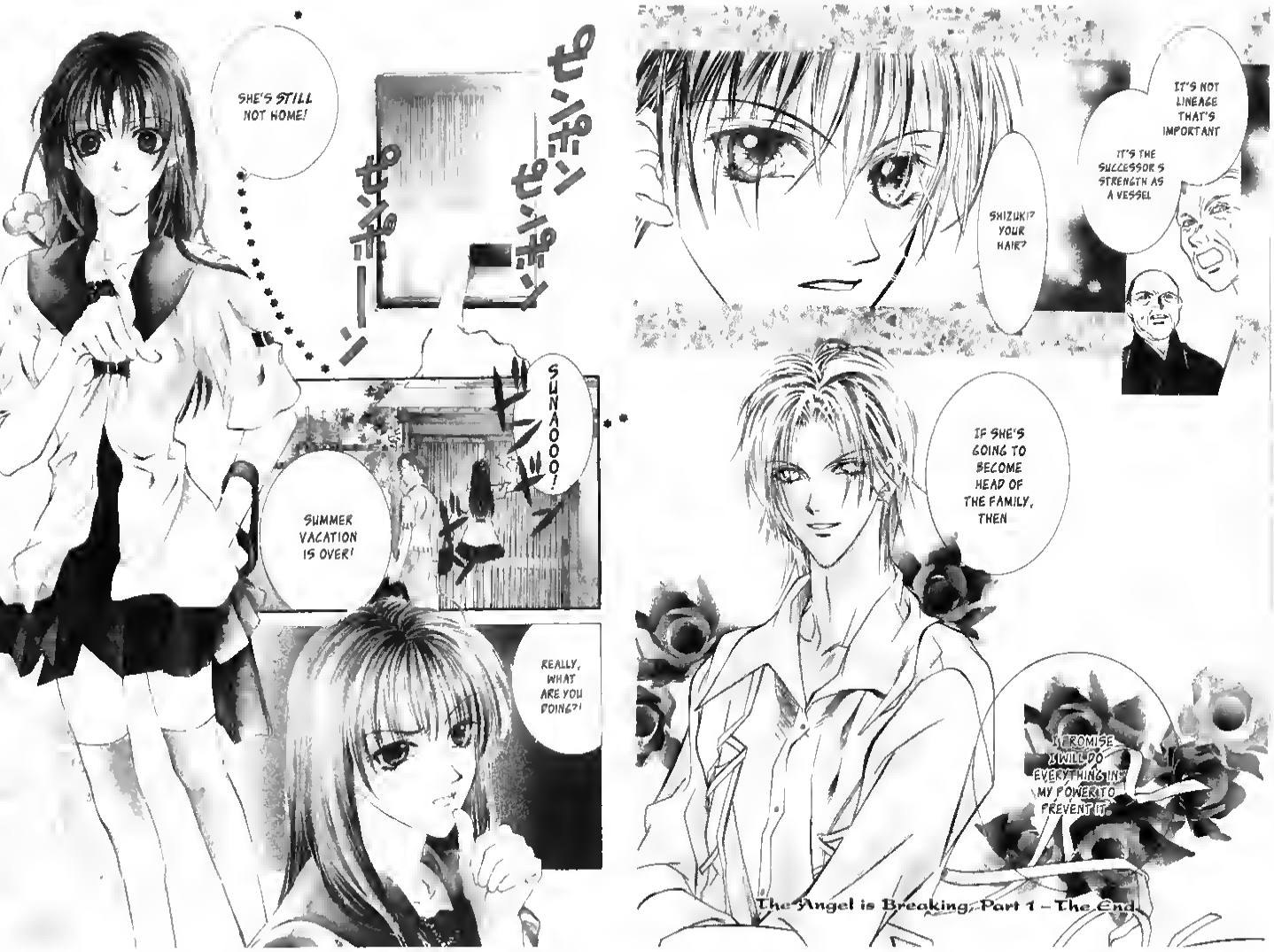
IT'S MY REVENGE.
WHY... DID YOU DO THIS?!
I WANT
TO SEE YOU SUFFER, TOO.

WITH MY LIFE
AH... AHHHH!
...I SHALL GRANT YOU FREEDOM...
AHHHHH!!!
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?!


ARE YOU PREPARED?
NOW YOU MUST BREAK THE SEAL
I HATE HOW THEY CONTROL MY LIFE!
CAN YOU FORSAKE EVERYTHING? REBEL AGAINST THE FAMILY?
I DON'T CARE ABOUT THEM!
HOW AMUSING

THIS VESSEL CAN NO LONGER CHANNEL THE POWER YOU DESIRE
I wonder what all that work was for, anyway
SO SORRY BECAUSE OF THIS CURSE THIS IMPURITY
I WILL GIVE YOU THIS... THIS GIFT... THIS CURSE...
WHY DON'T WE MAKE A DEAL?
LUCKILY
YOU HAVE OTHER SUCCESSORS
NOW, WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO?
IT WON'T BE PRETTY IF THIS LEAKS OUT, WILL IT?
Y-
YOU!
YOU DON'T NEED ME ANYMORE
IN EXCHANGE FOR FREEDOM...
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?!
HE HAS ABSORBED THE IMPURITY INTO HIS OWN BODY!
HE IS NO LONGER FIT TO BE SUCCESSOR!
IZUMI! WHAT A MESS SHE'S LEFT US!
Hoh hoh hoh
GASP!


NOW THEN
IN ORDER TO PROCEED WITH NOMINATING SUNAO FUJIWARA AS THE NEXT HEAD OF THE FAMILY—
YOU ALL SEEM TO BE SUFFERING SOME KIND OF MISUNDERSTANDING
NOW...
REMOVE THE MASK
AND REVEAL THE TRUTH
...IS LIFTED!
THE SACRIFICE THAT IS REQUIRED
...THE FLESH NOW LET IT ALSO PASS
BELIEVE...
THE CURSE...
UPON THE SINFUL
IN THE PATH YOU HAVE CHOSEN
RETURN AND RELEASE YOUR GLORY...
DO NOT FEAR IT.
I SEVER THE TIES TIES WITH THE EARTH TIES WITH THE EIGHT DIRECTIONS
I CUT THE HEAVENS
LOOK OUTSIDE...
CONTROL YOUR EMOTIONS
THE EIGHT PATHS TO HEAVEN... THE TEN BONDS TO EARTH...
I SHATTER THE SECRET SOUNDS
ONCE AGAIN EXPAND
TWICE AGAIN EXPAND...
THRICE AGAIN EXPAND
BE THE [illegible] MEDIUM OF THE CURSE


SHE'S STILL NOT HOME!
ピンポン ピンポン ピンポーン
SUNAOOO!
SUMMER VACATION IS OVER!
REALLY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
SHIZUKI? YOUR HAIR?
IT'S NOT LINEAGE THAT'S IMPORTANT
IT'S THE SUCCESSOR'S STRENGTH AS A VESSEL
IF SHE'S GOING TO BECOME HEAD OF THE FAMILY, THEN
I PROMISE I WILL DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO PREVENT IT.
The Angel is Breaking, Part 1 – The End.

The Angel is Breaking
Part 2

WHAT?!
Let me feel you up.
OH, YOU HAVE NO IDEA! I'M SO SEXUALLY FRUSTRATED!
MORNING, KUREHA!
YOU'RE NOT WITH SUNAO TODAY.
MY SUMMER WAS A DISASTER!
Look at this schedule!
Day 1. Trouble-free!
Day 2. Bored like superglue.
Day 3. Make out at the movietheme
overnight at home.
MY SUMMER OF LOVE... IT WAS ALL PLANNED!
What a waste!
STUPID SUNAO!
...I'M REALLY WORRIED.
WHAT IF SHE NEVER COMES BACK?
Sniff
THE TRUTH IS...
WAAH!

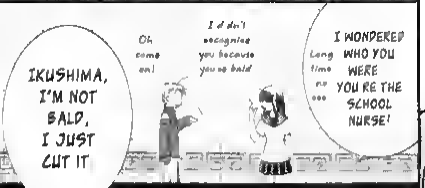
SHE EXISTS IN A PLACE I CAN'T REACH
LOVED AND POSSESSED BY WATER
SHE CONTROLS IT AT WILL
...UNDISTURBED BY ANYONE, AND ETERNALLY PURE.
FORMLESS, LIKE THE WATER ITSELF.
IT'S ALMOST AS IF
HEY, SUNAO?
WHY DO YOU WEAR GUYS' CLOTHES?
HAVEN'T SEEN MY BEST FRIEND ALL
SHE WHO SMILES SO SADLY.

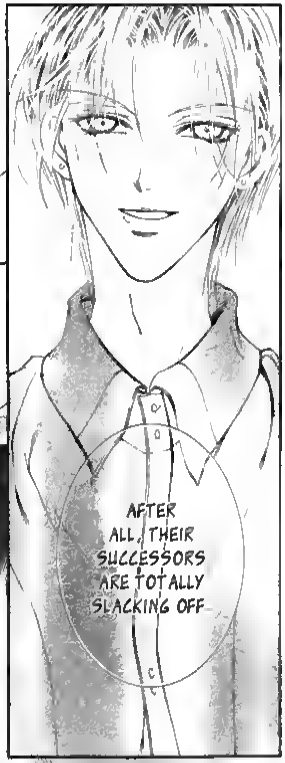
...EVERY-THING UP UNTIL NOW WAS A DREAM.
KUREHA!
Sanity
UNTIL JUST NOW I THOUGHT WE HAD THINGS TO TALK ABOUT— BUT— NEVER MIND!
COME ON, SUNAO! LET'S GO MAKE UP FOR SUMMER VACATION!
WELL, YOU SURE ARE CONFIDENT.
YOU GO TO SCHOOL JUST SO YOU CAN GET FELT UP?
Horndog ?
.....
OUT OF MY WAY, HORNDOG!

THE TAKATOU ARE...
AS IF YOU'RE READY FOR THAT! YOU'RE NOT PREPARED AT ALL!
NOT ONLY THE HEART OF THE SHINTO RELIGION, BUT COULD ONCE AGAIN CONTROL THE GOVERNMENT
POLITICS WERE ACTUALLY HOLY STIVIES
ONE OF THE MEDIUMS OF THE ACCESSION, AS THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY, IS
. SAID TO HAVE CREATED JAPAN IN A RITUAL
THE FOLLOWING HEADS OF THE FAMILY...
PRAYED AND MADE THE COUNTRY AND ROYALTY PROSPEROUS THEIR PRAYERS PRESERVED THE COUNTRY
AND ENTWINED THE FAMILY WITH THE GOVERNMENT FOR A LONG TIME
IN THE PAST
BUT I...
WAS RAISED TO BE HEAD OF THE FAMILY!

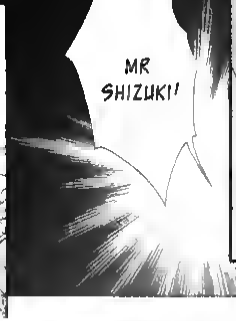
Heh
Heh
IF THE FAMILY SAW THIS, THEIR FACES WOULD TURN WHITE

OH.
Easy so easy!!
THE STUDENTS I'M SUPPOSED TO BE WATCHING ARE ALL CUTTING CLASS! ALL RIGHT!
Their expressions will be priceless!


IKUSHIMA, I'M NOT BALD, I JUST CUT IT
Oh come on!
I'd don't recognize you because you're bald
Long time no see
I WONDERED WHO YOU WERE YOU'RE THE SCHOOL NURSE!


AFTER ALL, THEIR SUCCESSORS ARE TOTALLY SLACKING OFF

WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?!


MR SHIZUKI!

OOH...
And who're you calling a pervert?
YOU ARE, LIKE, Really! SOOOO SERIOUS, YUKI!

A student's job is to study!
THEN WHY DO YOU?

OH?
YOU'RE GETTING ALONG PRETTY WELL, AREN'T YOU?

THAT'S NOT WHY I GO TO SCHOOL!
Let Go Of Me
AREN'T YOU RELAXED? I MEAN CONSIDERING YOU CUT THAT REMEDIAL CLASS YOU HAD TO TAKE
NO WORRIES! I'LL WHIP YOU INTO SHAPE!

...AND TO TAKE EVERY CHANCE I GET TO MAKE FUJIWARA LOOK BAD!
OF COURSE, I'M HERE TO STUDY..

What's with him?

A LETTER OF RESIGNATION?! TOTALLY OUT OF THE BLUE?!
IT'S TRUE THAT YOUR FLAMBOYANCY AND LACK OF COMMON SENSE MAKE YOU UNSUITABLE AND TO ADD INSULT TO INJURY, THE STUDENTS DON'T EVEN RESPECT YOU! BUT, EVEN SO...TO QUIT?! WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU, MAN?!
UH... MAY I TAKE THAT AS YOU TRYING TO STOP ME?
I THOUGHT
I'D BETTER GET SERIOUS ABOUT THWARTING YOU
TAKATOU!
DID YOU JUST. HIT A TEACHER?!
IT'S FINE
I..
I'M NOT GIVING IT UP!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT

YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME...
ふん。
WHAT'S WRONG, SUNAO?!
YOU TASTE DIFFERENT TODAY!
I THOUGHT ABOUT IT THE WHOLE TIME I COULDN'T FIND YOU
YOU DON'T TALK ABOUT YOURSELF AT ALL
I DON'T EXPECT ANYTHING IN RETURN
BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER
NOT REALLY
I'M GOING TO BE HEAD!
I'M NOT GOING TO LOSE TO YOU!
HEY! WHAT'S EVERYONE GETTING SO WORKED UP ABOUT?
DID I MISS SOMETHING?
Huh?

THAT'S WHY
AND THAT'S WHY I'M WHO I AM NOW
THE LEAST I CAN DO IS RETURN THE FAVOR
YOU ARE...
THE ONE GUST OF FRESH AIR
SUNAO, YOU SAVED ME
YOU MAKE THINGS BEARABLE
YEAH
SUNAO, YOU LET ME INTO YOUR HEART
IN THAT DARKNESS WHERE IT'S HARD TO BREATHE
SO FOR NOW JUST LEAVE THE SUBJECT OF PLEASURE TO ME!
I know it
TOO BEAUTIFUL
I WISH THAT I COULD AT LEAST
BE THE PERSON YOU COULD LET YOUR GUARD DOWN WITH
BUT, YOU KNOW
YOU ARE EVERYTHING TO ME
THAT'S ALL.
MY BEST FRIEND
I'M GLAD YOU CAME BACK.
SUNAO
Ha ha!
I'M JUST A HELPLESS HUMAN, REMEMBER?
You mean "hopeless", don't you?

I SAVED HER!
HEY!
YOU OKAY?
HEY! WHAT'S ALL THIS COMMOTION?!
UGH
I...
...DON'T REALLY WANT THIS POWER, EITHER
EEEK!

BUT KAGUYA BETRAYED ME.
COOL!
IT-IT'S NOTHING...
I'M OKAY AS LONG AS YOU'RE WITH ME!
WHEN YOU BECOME THE HEAD, I'LL ALWAYS BE BY YOUR SIDE TO HELP!
HE MADE THEM SHUT UP
I HEARD SHIZUKI'S SON RAN AWAY!
MOTH-
"NOW EVEN IF WE DON'T DO ANYTHING, THE POSITION OF HEAD IS YUKI'S, ISN'T IT?"

NOOOO!
WHA...
WHAT'S THE MATTER, YUKI?
WHAT...
MON-STER

SO—
YOU MUSTN'T BE SAD BECAUSE OF YOUR POWER
SO YOU'RE
YUKI
BUT IF YOU LEARN TO CONTROL IT, THERE ARE MANY THINGS YOU CAN DO. IT'S A WONDERFUL THING.
I SEE
YOU THINK YOU'RE ALONE BECAUSE OF YOUR POWER
WHAT?!
WHY ELSE WOULD I BE NICE TO A MONSTER LIKE HIM?
SOON, I'LL BE ABLE TO DO WHATEVER I WANT WITH THE FAMILY!
HEY—
COULD YOU PLEASE GET THAT FOR ME?

MASTER YUKI
IF YOU CONTINUE, YOU WILL HURT YOURSELF
NO, I STILL NEED MORE PRACTICE
I HAVE TO BECOME THE HEAD
I'VE LIVED ONLY FOR THAT
KAGUYA RAN AWAY! HE LEFT ME ALONE!
SHE READ MY SOUL!
MASTER YUKI, YOU MUST NOT GO NEAR THAT GIRL!
KAYANO! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
AN ABOMINATION
IS LOATHED AND IMPRISONED
LATER
I LEARNED THAT A VESSEL THAT IS TOO FRAGILE TO INHERIT THE POWER OF GOD
I JUST...
...CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN!
I'M NOT GOING TO BE LIKE HER.
I CAN'T BECOME LIKE HER.
WE'D BOTH BE MONSTERS
BUT
IF I DON'T INHERIT THE POSITION OF HEAD WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ME AND KAYANO?

FUJIWARA HAS HAPPINESS IN THE PALM OF HER HAND, LIKE IT'S HER RIGHT
BUT
NOW OF ALL TIMES, SHE APPEARS WITH POWER AND
IS TRYING TO STEAL MY PLACE
SHE IGNORES...
I'LL TAKE IT FROM HER
...HOW ME HAD TO SUFFER.
IF I BECOME THE HEAD THEN
WILL MY DISGUST AT THAT POWER FADE?
WILL I BE ABLE TO LOOK STRAIGHT INTO HER EYES?
SHE KNOWS THINGS ABOUT ME BECAUSE OF HER POWER
...EYES SEE RIGHT THROUGH ME
I HATED
...KAYANO

AAAIIEE!!!
KUREHA!
HMPH!

OH, YUKI
YOUR FACE IS KINDA GREEN! YOU OKAY?
REALLY?
EEK!
I'LL RUIN HER ENTIRE LIFE!!
OH. SUNAO'S LUNCH—
IKU-SHIMA
IS THAT SO?
BURN.
...HOW DO YOU THINK SHE'D FEEL?
IF YOU WERE HURT

OH DEAR, DID SHE BEAT YOU UP?
KAGUYA!
YOU KNOW
...YOU REALLY CAN'T BE THE HEAD
SUNAO
WHAT WAS
THAT POWER WAS
SHUT UP!
Oh, he got away
Ha ha!
TOO LATE, FUJIWARA!
AAH!
.....

Huh
HUH? IS SOMETHING BOTHERING YOU?
TELL ME WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON RIGHT NOW! SPILL IT!
WOW, IKUSHIMA YOU'RE SOOO KIND
DON'T MAKE ME TEAR OUT WHAT'S LEFT OF YOUR HAIR
BUT WHEN I SEE THAT YUKI HAS A POWER, LIKE SUNAO ...
EVEN I CAN FIGURE OUT SOMETHING'S GOING ON
FINE
I TEND TO GET A BIT CURIOUS WHEN SPARKS FALL ON ME
IT'S NOT LIKE I INTENDED TO BUTT INTO YOUR BUSINESS, BUT
DON'T TELL ME

IT JUST BARELY GRAZED ME
THOSE BURNS
NO, I'M FINE REALLY
SORRY
Uh oh Here it comes
SHIIIIZUKU!!
SUNAO!

Quit acting all high and mighty!
I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU'RE JOKING AROUND BUT
—IF YOU CAN'T TAKE BETTER CARE OF SUNAO, I'LL STEAL HER AWAY
THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU'LL GET ANYTHING OUT OF ME
WHO ARE YOU ?!
.....
AS IF YOU COULD DO THAT, MISSY
SORRY
THAT EXPRESSION—
I'LL NEVER
WOW! FRIENDSHIP IS SO BEAUTIFUL!
DON'T MAKE FUN OF ME!
BUT .
I'M BEING SERIOUS YOUR RELATIONSHIP MAKES ME TEARY
LET HER FEEL LIKE THAT AGAIN!

YOU THREW EVERYTHING AWAY, DIDN'T YOU?
HOW SWIFT THE ELDERS ARE
THEY MUST REALLY BE AFRAID OF KAGUYA
WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?
NEVER AGA...
I HEAR...
THE DAY OF ACCESSION'S BEEN DECIDED.
WILL I ..
KAGUYA SHIZUKI
LET HER BE HURT

THAT'S WHY
I'M WILLING TO USE YOU
HE'LL PROBABLY END UP LIKE YOUR MOTHER
HIS FLESH WILL ROT AND HE WILL CONTINUE TO SUFFER UNTIL HE DIES.
THOSE WHO FAIL TO ACQUIRE THE POWER OF GOD
YUKI
HE IS NOT A STRONG ENOUGH VESSEL TO INHERIT THE POWER OF GOD
WILL BECOME GROTESQUE
I'LL DO ANYTHING TO PROTECT YUKI
KAGUYA IS
NOT THE KIND OF PERSON WHO'D HELP YUKI, EVEN IF YUKI NEEDED HIM
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THEN HE SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED
HE USED TO BE CONSIDERED THE LEADING CANDIDATE FOR HEAD
WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT
OF COURSE HAVING TAKEN THE IMPURITY INTO HIS BODY HE CAN'T INVOKE GOD. BUT
NOW THAT HE'S FREED FROM THE SPELL—HE'S STRONG
MUCH STRONGER THAN YUKI
NO WONDER THE FAMILY COULDN'T USE HIM
THAT HE HAD USED A SPELL OF IMPURITY UPON HIMSELF AND SEALED HIS OWN POWERS

WHY HAS HE WHO HAD WITHDRAWN...
WHY
KAGUYA?
NOW OF ALL TIMES
SUDDENLY
DECIDED TO TAKE CENTER STAGE?
NO MATTER WHAT I MAY HAVE TO SACRIFICE...
...I MUST SAVE YUKI.
OKAY...
I AM NOT INTERESTED IN BEING HEAD, BUT
I'LL GIVE UP EVERYTHING IF THERE'S A CHANCE THIS WILL CHANGE THINGS
AND WHAT DO YOU DESIRE?
HIS DEFENSES ARE STRONG
EVEN I CAN'T TELL WHAT HE'S THINKING
IF IT'S FOR YUKI'S SAKE...
PLEASE SHIELD YUKI PROTECT HIM.

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Part 3

RITSU!

COME TO ME...
...MY SUNAO
RITSU!

YOU'RE WRONG
THE CURSE OF AN ETERNAL SIN RESIDES WITHIN ME.
MY MOTHER, SHE....
I DON'T KNOW
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HER.
...A POWER YOU INHERITED FROM YOUR MOTHER.
WE WERE SACRIFICED
—TO PROTECT YOU
STOP IT.
AFTER ALL, IT IS...
THAT'S WHY I'M THROWING IT AWAY
BECAUSE I MURDERED RITSU... THIS POWER IS MY PUNISHMENT
SUNAO THE WOMAN WAS RITSU'S ONLY RITSU'S
I NO LONGER NEED THE SUNAO WHO LOVED RITSU
I DON'T CARE WHO I GIVE THE OTHER PARTS OF MY SOUL TO
NO!
SUNAO
I'M SORRY
I'M SORRY
NO.
I'M SORRY
I'M SORRY
I'M SORRY

I DON'T REMEMBER HER FACE
BUT

...WHAT IT IS I'M GETTING MYSELF INVOLVED IN.
I DON'T WISH FOR ANYTHING ANYMORE
...I HAVE TO KNOW...

GO ON...
Oh?
She decided to be up front and just ask him.
SO...
I WAS WONDERING ABOUT...
you know

DON'T SAY THINGS LIKE THAT!!
GOD...
Sigh
THE PRIOR...HEAD, IZUMI!
EVEN IF THEY SAY SHE'S MY MOTHER
ANOTHER NIGHTMARE?

IS IT REALLY SOMETHING I INHERITED FROM MY MOTHER?
THIS POWER
IZUMI WAS A WISE AND BEAUTIFUL WOMAN
NO ONE COULD EVER CONTROL HER THE SIGHT OF HER WOULD STEAL YOUR BREATH AWAY.
BUT
—SHE THREW AWAY EVERYTHING— HER FUTURE, HER POWER, ME—ALL TO PROTECT YOU
ON TOP OF THAT, AS HARD AS IT IS TO BELIEVE, SHE ENTRUSTED YOU TO ME.
THE WORDS WERE SO CRUEL, I COULDN'T BELIEVE MY EARS WAS IT SOME KIND OF JOKE?
THAT'S WHY I'VE KEPT SILENT ALL THIS TIME
IT IS THE ULTI-MATE REVENGE
YOU KNEW NOTHING
SO YOU CURSED THE POWER AND BLAMED YOURSELF
I WANTED TO WATCH IT BREAK YOU
—BUT YOU
—WERE UNEXPECTEDLY STUBBORN
And boring
THAT'S WHY I CHANGED MY STRATEGY
NOW, YOU WILL TAKE THE PATH SHE FEARED THE MOST
WHAT WOULD TORMENT IZUMI MORE?
OH
I CUT OFF MY FINGER

I TRIED...
...A LOT OF THINGS, BUT...
MY LIFE FLOWS PAST IT LIKE A SHADOW
MAYBE I HAVE SOMETHING LIKE THAT, TOO
THOUGH THE RIGHT PATH IS VISIBLE
EVERYONE HAS SOMETHING THAT THEY CANNOT FORSAKE
THE POWER TO FEEL SO STRONGLY ABOUT SOMETHING
THERE IS NOTHING THAT MAKES MY SOUL SING
GUARDIAN— ALL JUST AN ACT
A KIND UNDER-STANDING
NO HARD FEELINGS, EH?
WELL
NOT
THINKING SANELY
ALSO

WHY DON'T WE GIVE THOSE OLD FARTS SOMETHING TO REALLY SWEAT ABOUT?
THIS WHOLE THING'S IRRITATING! KOSHINTO IS JUST A GROUP OF OLD PEOPLE WITH OLD POWER
THEY ONLY CARE ABOUT THE CANDIDATES FOR HEAD AND SCREW WITH EVERYONE ELSE'S LIVES
YOU AREN'T JUST GOING TO STAND BACK AND WATCH, ARE YOU?
HMM
AND THEN WHEN THE PRIOR HEAD'S DAUGHTER APPEARS
THEY JUST THROW US AWAY WITHOUT A SECOND THOUGHT
MAYBE I'LL LET YOU HELP ME!
LIAR
WELL THEN
BACKGROUD TEXT: I'll use you

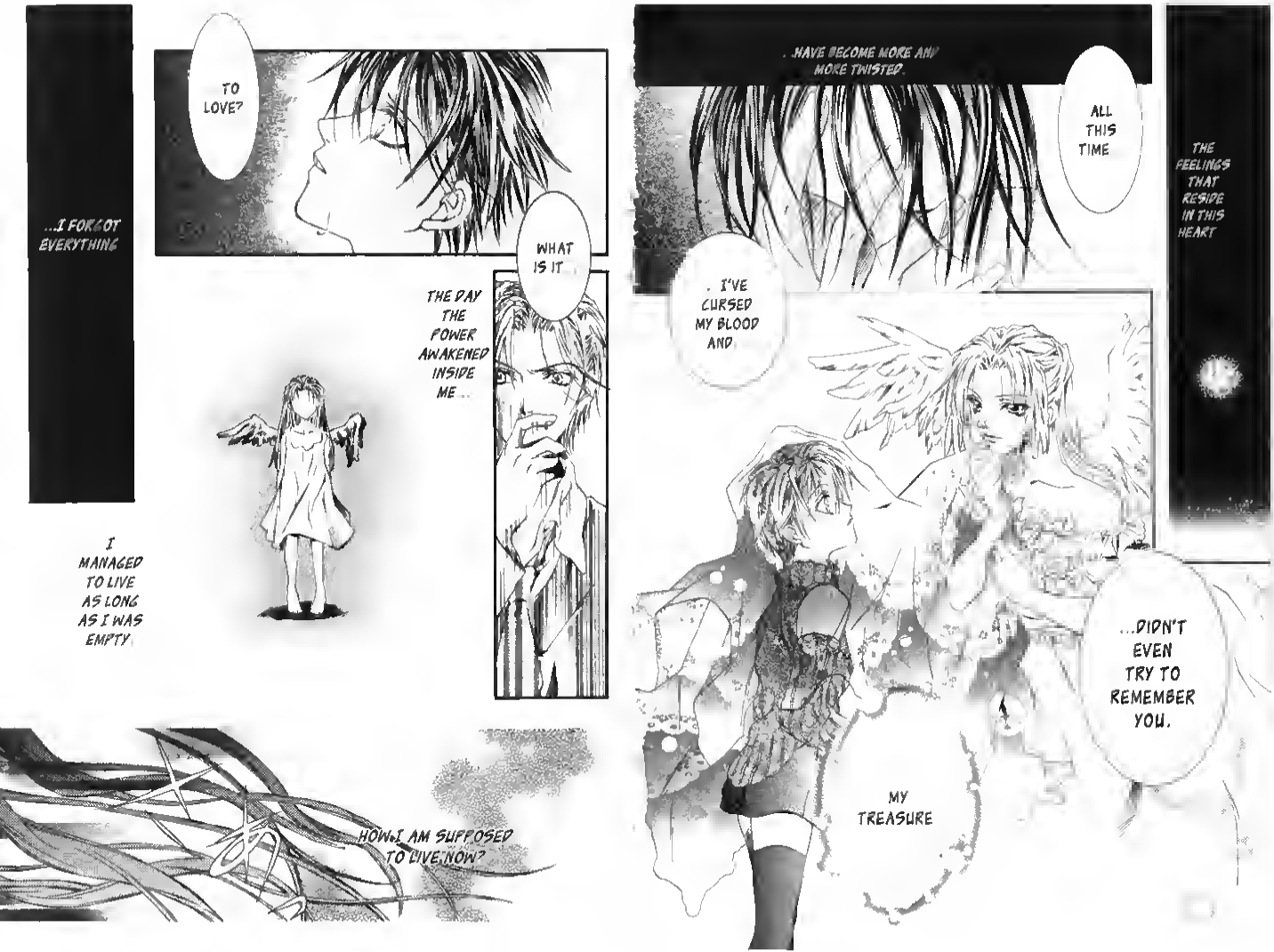
NOTE: Flags are often used on top of kid's meals in Japan
No. 4-1
IT'S YOUR FAVORITE KAGUYAN SPECIAL, YUKI!
With a flag too!
THIS IS NOT GONNA MAKE UP FOR ANYTHING, YOU IDIOT!
I'm not a little kid anymore!
Tears
How meeeean!
WHEN I'M TRYING SO HARD FOR YOU! SO VERY HARD!
DID YOU COME HERE TO MAKE FUN OF ME?!
You're just as much of a liar as I am!
LICKING EACH OTHER'S WOUNDS
How dare you!
NO, I'M JUST FED UP
What do you mean?
WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO BETRAYED ME

!!!

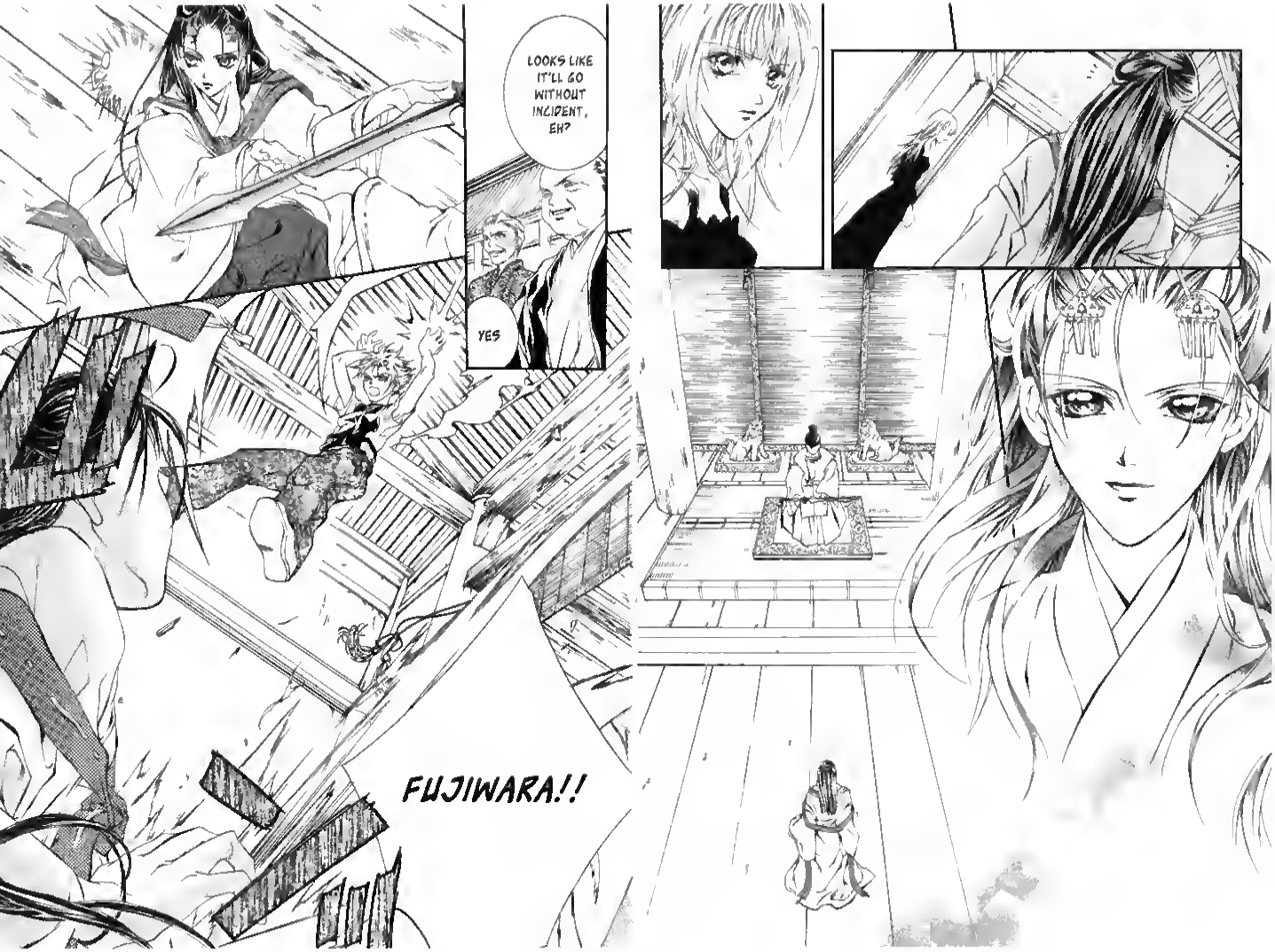
SOON...
I WILL MAKE GOOD ON MY PROMISE TO YOU
カタ
ン
な
SOMEONE'S COMING!
な
I'M
...LATE
SIMPLE
IT'S ALL VERY
THAT'S RIGHT
I SEE

EXERCISED
A BARRIER?!
THE UTMOST CARE TO CREATE
IZUMI...
TO PROTECT SUNAO...
SUNAO...

YOU ARE BROKEN
SOMETHING'S MISSING... INCOMPLETE...
I DON'T EVEN CARE WHAT HAPPENS!
HOW CAN YOU BEAR TO LIVE SO BROKEN INSIDE?
I CAN'T LIVE LIKE THIS
BECAUSE I HAVE NOTHING
SO MUCH NOTHING THAT EVEN HATE AND PAIN ARE FORGOTTEN.
NOOOOO!
COUNTLESS
COUNTLESS BARRIERS
UGH...
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO PROTECT ME FROM?!
YOU PROTECT ME—
NOW?!

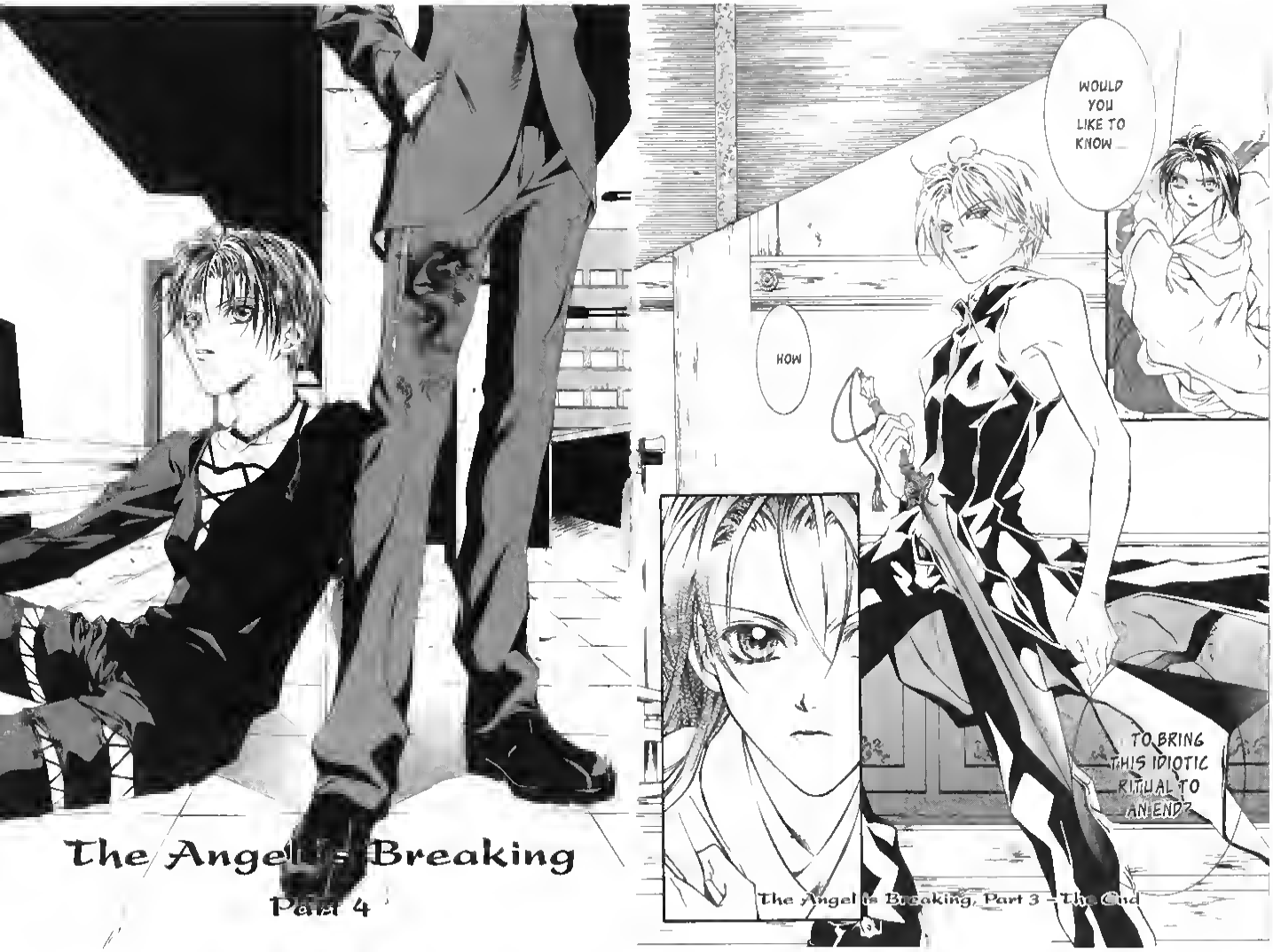

...I FORGOT EVERYTHING
TO LOVE?
WHAT IS IT
THE DAY THE POWER AWAKENED INSIDE ME...
I MANAGED TO LIVE AS LONG AS I WAS EMPTY
HOW I AM SUPPOSED TO LIVE NOW?
...HAVE BECOME MORE AND MORE TWISTED.
ALL THIS TIME
THE FEELINGS THAT RESIDE IN THIS HEART
...I'VE CURSED MY BLOOD AND
MY TREASURE
...DIDN'T EVEN TRY TO REMEMBER YOU.

LADY SUNAO!
Makeup monster
CREEPY
THIS WAY
Not really understood.
IT WILL BE A LOVELY CEREMONY
YOU'RE YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL
FUJIWARA ?
WHAT'S THIS FUSS ABOUT?
THE VESSEL...
...IS NOW READY.


LOOKS LIKE IT'LL GO WITHOUT INCIDENT, EH?
YES
FUJIWARA!!

WE'RE BRINGING AN END TO THE
OLDER GENERATION
M-MIKO!
TRAITOR!
KAGUYA...
!
WHOA THERE!
I'D STAY PUT IF I WERE YOU

KUREHA!
GOOD WORK
LITTLE BOY
GOT THE BLADE!!
!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WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW...
HOW
TO BRING THIS IDIOTIC RITUAL TO AN END?
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Heh heh
ISN'T THAT SO, ELDER?
SOME
OH DEAR, I GET SO HOT WHEN YOU'RE MAD
DON'T GET HOT!
SOMEONE SHUT HIM UP!
Whoa!
AAAAAH!
Here it comes!

THE ANSWER IS
...YES.
...IS IT POSSIBLE TO ATTAIN THE POWER OF THE GOD...
NOW
THE QUESTION IS...
WHEN I, WHO HAVE TAKEN IN IMPURITIES, CONDUCT THE RITUAL?

THIS IS NOT A KIDNAPPING
IT'S A SACRIFICE
WRONG
AS YOUR TEACHER, I'D LIKE YOU TO THINK MORE BEFORE YOU ACT
SUNAO
Whose side are you on?
What now
WAIT IT'S OKAY FOR A TEACHER TO KIDNAP HIS STUDENTS?
Mmm Sunao
Huff! Huff!
UMM
HA!
WHOOPS!
YOU HAVEN'T EVEN SAID A WORD
Why are you so violent?!
HAA!
His own form of martial arts?
Instinct!
Hmm
WELL, YOU KNOW
It's just
I see
AAAAHH!!
Whoa
SHUT UP
YEAH!
GOOD GOING!
Also instinct!

HMPH!
PATHETIC
BUT NOW, SOME IMPURITY WILL BE ADDED TO THE CEREMONY!
AND...?
BUT WHY PICK KUREHA?
Aren't sacrifices supposed to be virgins?
DON'T YOU GET IT?
AFTER THIS, THE FAMILY WON'T BE ABLE TO FUNCTION ANYMORE!
Supposed to be her friend!
Mwa ha ha! Bouncy bouncy boots!
She's having a very evil dream!
AAAAAAAAH!
You'll have to try harder than that!
Yes. It was definitely instinct!
Ha ha
WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?!
THIS IS THE ACCESSION CEREMONY
Dangerous
WELL...
...THE IMPURITIES OF BLOOD AND DEATH ARE TABOO.
AND SINCE THE VERY BEGINNING
...IN THIS KIND OF CEREMONY...

YOU
I WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND, WOULD YOU?
HOW THOSE WITH POWER...
YOU DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT!
OH YES, YES
I'M MISSING THE RIGHT
OH PLEASE
AS I SAID BEFORE
EVEN I CAN ASCEND
THAT I HAD TO
SILENCE!
TEASE HER A LITTLE
SO ANYONE WOULD DO, REALLY
MY TRUE GOALS AREN'T PURE
BUT SHE WAS JUST SO WORKED UP
THIS IS
LIKE A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT
ARE NOT TREATED AS HUMAN

AND IF YOU'RE GOING TO BREAK THINGS ANYWAY
...THE MORE FUN, THE BETTER, RIGHT?
FOR EXAMPLE
THERE IS NO GOD
YOU MONSTERS ARE OBSESSED WITH POWER
YOU USE THOSE WITH POWER AS YOUR TOOLS, INTENTIONALLY CREATING THIS SYSTEM
...THAT MISERY
IF THEY SUCCEED, THEY BECOME GOD
IF THEY FAIL IF THEIR BODY ISN'T ABLE TO KEEP UP
THEY BECOME GROTESQUE
...AND HOW MUCH...
ENCLOSED IN THIS DIVINE BOX
...IS THE ARK WHICH COMES TO LIFE WHEN PAIRED WITH THE VESSEL THIS ARK...
BRINGS OUT AND CONDENSES
ALL THE POWER OF THAT PERSON AT ONCE
...BREAKS OUR SOULS.

NEVER AGAIN
IF YOU ARE BATHED IN HUMAN BLOOD
PART OF YOU, THE VESSEL WILL CHANGE YOU WILL BECOME IMPURE
..WILL GOD BE BORN.
THEN WHY DON'T YOU JUST DIE?!
THAT IS WHY
YOU ARE IN THE WAY.

SOMETHING SO CRUEL AS TO MAKE SUNAO HERE WISH SHE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT
YES, THAT'S IT!
WHAT GOOD INSTINCTS YOU HAVE!

YOU KNOW, I KNEW...
THAT KAGUYA WASN'T REALLY ON MY SIDE
BUT..
A LITTLE PART OF ME STILL HOPED
OOH...
WORST CASE SCENARIO.
OOH
AH!
OOH
OOH
OOH
OOH..
HMPH!
RIGHT
SUNAO, LEAVE THIS TO ME!
OOH

KAYANO!
NOOOOO!!
I WILL GIVE MY LIFE
I WON'T FORGIVE YOU
DIE!
...TO GRANT YOU FREEDOM
THIS IS HOW IT MUST BE
KUREHA!
OOH, MY HEAD

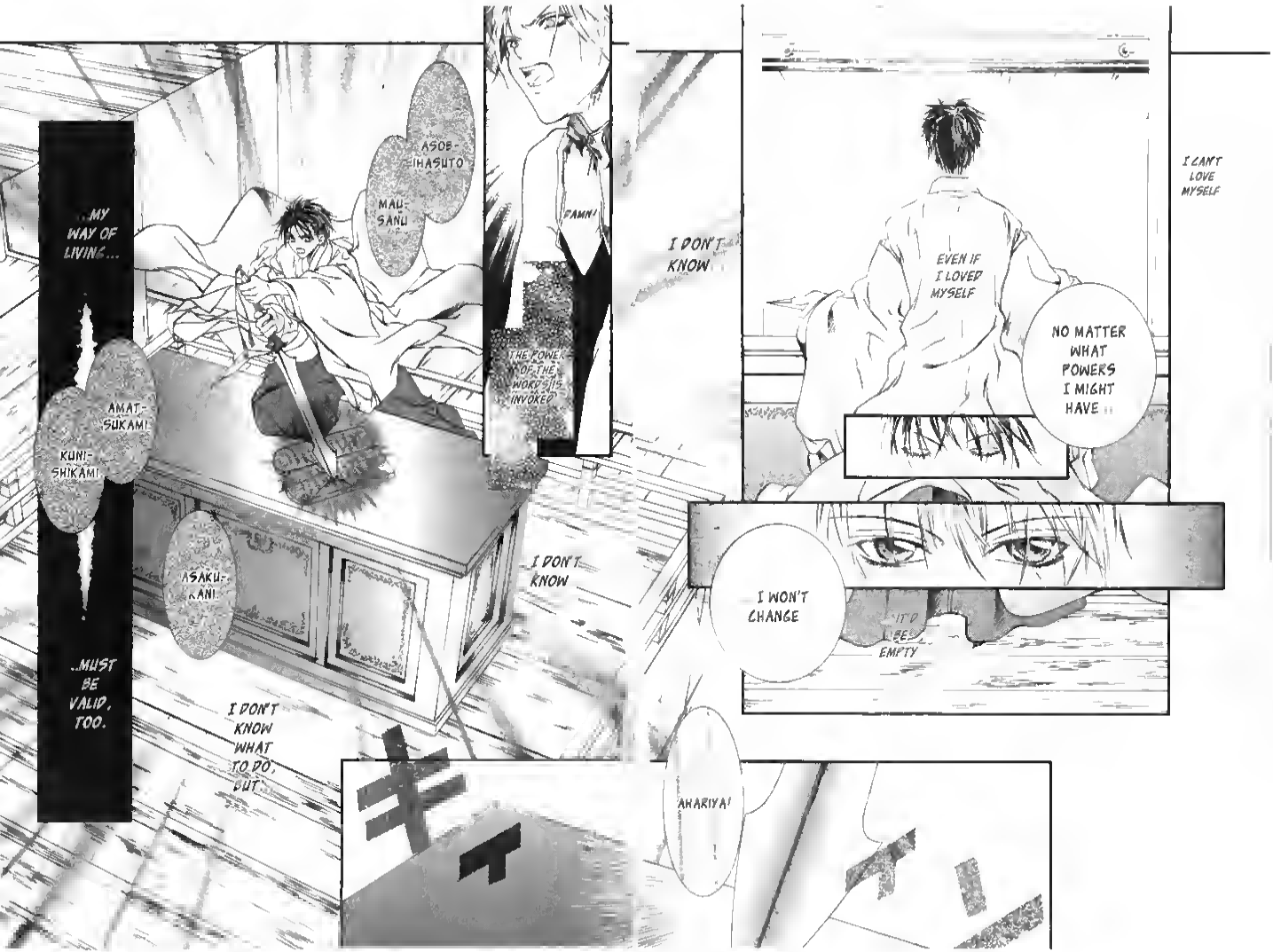
Look
HUH?
SITUATION?
IF YOU DON'T MOVE
I'LL JUST KILL YOU FIRST
NO
OUT OF MY WAY!
Hallucination.
Sweet Lolita Sunao
Have we met before?
WHOA! YOU'RE HOT! WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T SAY STUFF LIKE THAT
How'd you get long hair?
SUNAO?! WHAT THE-?!
Whoaaaaa!
MY DREAMS HAVE COME TRUE!
ALL THE COSPLAY I WANT!
We're kind of in a situation right now!
I'm not going to cosplay!
Wondering if maybe she shouldn't have saved Kureha.
Umm
THINK YOU CAN RETURN TO THE REAL WORLD FOR ME?

WHAT IS THIS?
YOU
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS ....TO ME?!
WHY?
WHY?
WHY CAN'T YOU ... SEE YOUR OWN WORTH?
MOVE!
NO!
!
I CAN'T MOVE!

KUREHA...
IT'S OKAY
.....
YOU'RE GOING TO COSPLAY AND LIKE IT, MISSY!
TO HELL WITH THAT.
NAH!
...DON'T WANT TO COSPLAY
...IF YOU REALLY
...WHO LOVES YOU SO DEEPLY?
...TO ME...
WHAT WILL HAPPEN...
KAYANO COULD
REALLY STUPID, AREN'T YOU?
YOU RE REALLY
YOU
ONLY KAYANO CAN UNDERSTAND ME!
UNDERSTAND ME.

AS LONG AS YOU'RE
FREE
THIS IS NOT YOUR WORLD!!
IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO LEAVE HIM.
WHY ?
IT'S TIME FOR YOU NO MORE HIM.
I CAN'T
LET YOU DO THIS
HMPH
SUNAO!
GO.

Sigh
IT MUST BE HARD
TO BE SO GROWN UP
ALWAYS
ALWAYS
...FRANTICLY SEARCHING...
...FOR THE RIGHT WAY TO LIVE
WHAT IS LOVE?


...MY WAY OF LIVING...
AMAT-SUKAMI
KUNI-SHIKAMI
...MUST BE VALID, TOO.
ASOBI-HASUTO
MAU-SANU
ASAKU-KANI
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO, BUT
FAMN!
THE POWER OF THE WORD IS INVOKED
I DON'T KNOW
I CAN'T LOVE MYSELF
EVEN IF I LOVED MYSELF
NO MATTER WHAT POWERS I MIGHT HAVE ..
I WON'T CHANGE
IT'D BE EMPTY
AHARIYA!

THE PATH OF POWER
A SURGE
RESO-NATES
LEADS
TRANCE
CHANGES
EVEN THIS
THIS IS ALL I CAN DO, BUT...
...MIGHT NOT BE...
...ENOUGH
ORISHIMASE!

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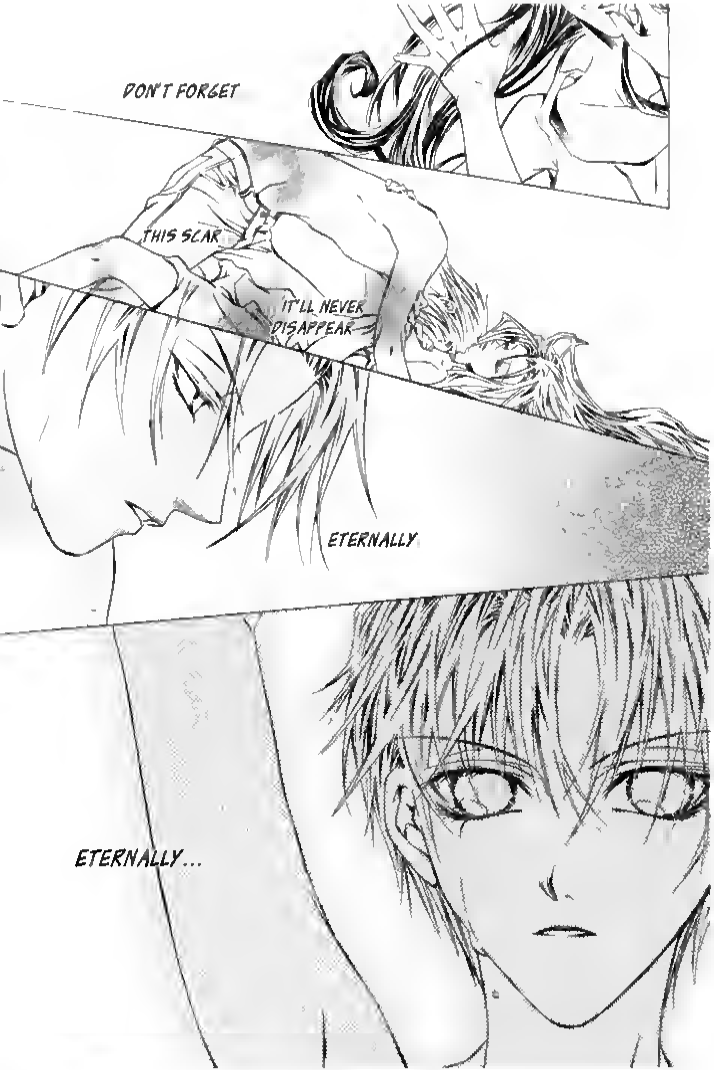
H-H-HOKAGE...
DO YOU?

...WITHOUT HESITATION
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?! YOU TOOK MY BELOVED FROM ME!
YOU THINK YOU HAVE THE RIGHT?
..HAPPY TO SACRIFICE IZUMI FOR NOTHING.
YOU...
WHAT NERVE...
THAT YOU COULD DO THIS
...YOU HAVE TO SAY THAT!
.....
BLOOD
SUNAO! NO!
YOU WON'T CHANGE ?!

DIRTY
DISGUSTING
THIS IS THE TYPE OF CREATURE YOU TRULY ARE
A BROKEN BIRD
CAN NEVER BE A SAINT
YES
THAT'S THE PROPER EXPRESSION
AAAH
!
LET ME HELP YOU...
...ARROGANT CHILD!!
...REMEMBER.


DON'T FORGET
THIS SCAR
IT'LL NEVER DISAPPEAR
ETERNALLY
ETERNALLY...

AS IF EVEN A SHARD OF GOD COULD RESIDE
...IN THAT BODY! TAINTED BY YOUR OWN BROTHER!
"I'LL MARK YOU..."
"YES, SUNAO"
"SUNAO..."

I...
...WILL LOVE YOU EVEN INSANE.
...GO MAD.
...AND EVENTUALLY...
GROTESQUE, YOU WILL CONTINUE TO SUFFER AND BLAME YOURSELF...
THAT WILL NEVER RESONATE CORRECTLY
KNOWING YOU'RE AN INSTRU-MENT
...YOU MUST REGRET IT.
THAT TABOO ETCHED IN YOUR FLESH...
NOW...
RECITE THE WORDS OF POWER AGAIN

HUH...
YOU'RE REALLY CRAZY, AREN'T YOU?!
I SAVED SUNAO'S LIFE ONCE
GET OVER HER?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH DOING WHATEVER I PLEASE
—WITH WHAT BELONGS TO ME?
CRAZY ...?
...WITH A WOMAN...
THERE IS NO WAY I COULD STAY SANE...
—WHO GROWS MORE AND MORE LIKE IZUMI EACH DAY—
YOU STILL CAN'T GET OVER HER?!
ENOUGH ALREADY!

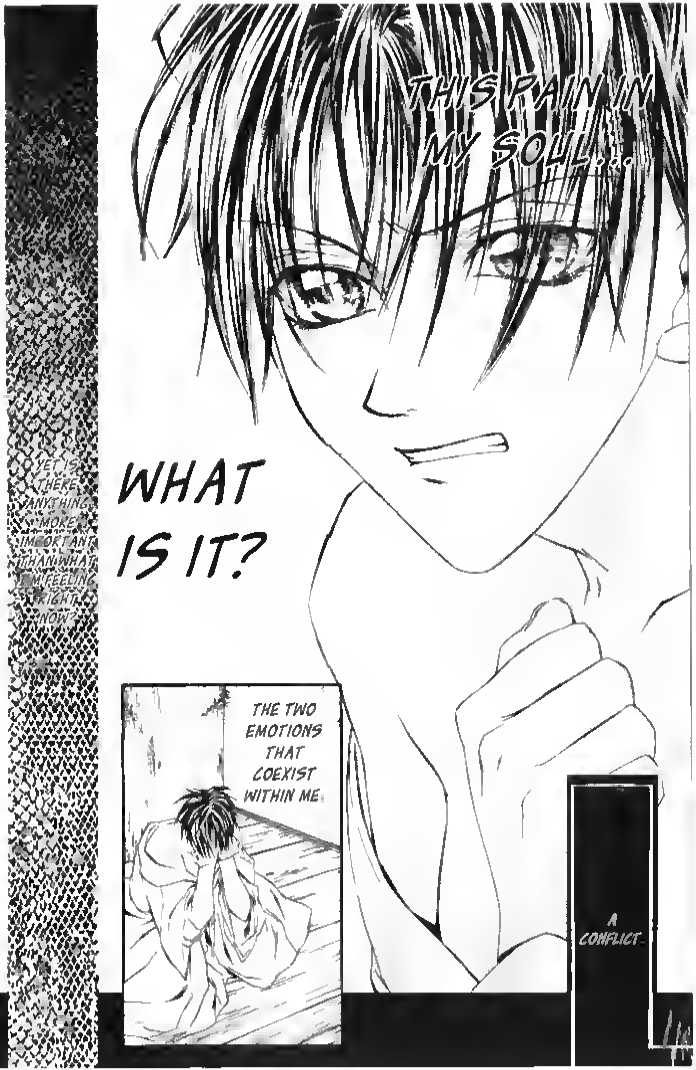
BUT IT DOESN'T GIVE YOU THE RIGHT TO MANIPULATE OTHERS
EVERY-ONE LOSES PEOPLE THEY CARE ABOUT
IT'S WORSE
THAN HATE
IT'S A SICK AND TWISTED FORM OF LOVE!
SUNAO'S LIFE IS HER OWN!!

DON'T SAY SUCH IDIOTIC THINGS..
OLD MAN
BUT I..
THE CHAINS OF CORRUPTION SUIT THIS WOMAN.
THE SIGHT OF HER SOUL ROTTING WAS BEAUTIFUL..
SO I'LL JUST BREAK IT...WITH MY OWN HANDS.
...NO LONGER NEED A DOLL WHO DOESN'T BEHAVE AS I DESIRE.
YOU THINK YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE?

FORGET ABOUT ..
.RITSU
I WILL NEVER ..
..I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND.
. LIFE-IN THIS WORLD.
IT'S JUST THAT THIS WHOLE TIME
. SOMEONE IS CRYING FOR ME
BUT NOW
...RIGHT BEFORE MY EYES...
I TRIED TO PROTECT MYSELF

SUNAO!
GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF!
I HAVEN'T
MY... WHOLE BODY HURTS.
..FORGOTTEN.

STAY AWAY
WHAT?
WHOA!

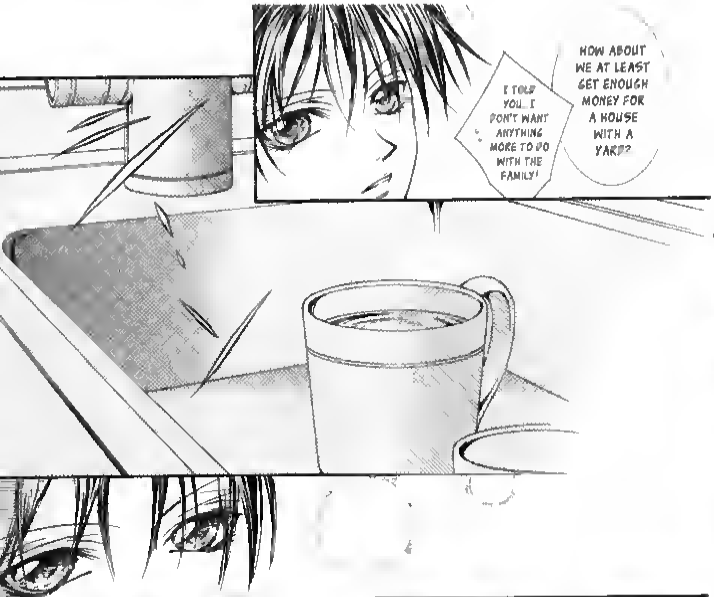

THIS PAIN IN MY SOUL...
WHAT IS IT?
YET, IS THERE ANYTHING MORE IMPORTANT THAN WHAT I'M FEELING RIGHT NOW...
THE TWO EMOTIONS THAT COEXIST WITHIN ME.
A CONFLICT

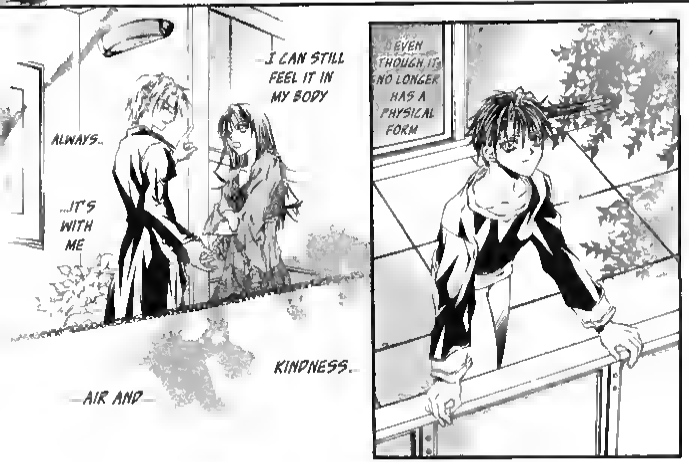
A TIGHTENING IN YOUR CHEST
FEELINGS HURT ACTS OF SIN
EVERY TIME SOMETHING IS EXPERIENCED
HOW WILL YOU USE
WHAT KIND OF PERSON WILL YOU BECOME?
...THE MIRACLE I GAVE YOU?
LIFE IS JUST A COLLECTION OF SUCH EXPERIENCES, ISN'T IT?
SHE DOESN'T EVEN HAVE THE ARK!
BUT...
...HOW?!
COULD THIS BE...
IZUMI'S DOING?
I CHOSE
YOU CHOSE
IT'S... A TRANCE?!

THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE
AT PEACE
GOODBYE
I UNDERSTAND THE REASON TO LIVE
WITH MY SINS MY SOUL
I...
I WON'T LET YOU!
DO NOT TOUCH HER!
IF THIS IS THE ROAD I CHOSE FOR MYSELF THEN
YET...
...NO ONE REGRETS IT, RIGHT?
EVEN THIS SCAR IS OKAY
BECAUSE
...YOU DON'T NEED TO PROTECT ME
...ANY-MORE
SO.

YOU'LL SUFFER FOR ALL ETERNITY.
SO?
...WILL FADE.
EVENTUALLY THE PAIN AND SCAR...
I'M THANKFUL.
I WILL ACCEPT THE PAIN AND KEEP LIVING.
THAT SCAR
...WILL BELONG TO ME. IT WILL HELP DEFINE WHO I AM
SEE?
ONCE AGAIN, SOMEONE WILL DIE BECAUSE OF YOU!
I'LL CARVE THE PAIN INTO YOU DEEPLY.
SO VERY DEEPLY YOU WILL NEVER FORGET.
I'LL GIVE YOU A NEW SCAR
!
I WON'T LET YOU
...MAKE PEACE!
IT'S VAPORIZING

IT'S OVER.
ISN'T IT?
I...
...DID LOVE YOU
BUT... THAT'S OKAY.
THAT TIME
YOU ARE TRULY NAIVE
YOU RAISED ME TO BE THIS WAY, HOKAGE
PEOPLE...
...IS SOMETHING I DON'T KNOW HOW TO RETURN TO.
I DON'T THINK I WANT TO RETURN TO IT
...CAN'T CHANGE THE PAST.


I TOLD YOU... I DON'T WANT ANYTHING MORE TO DO WITH THE FAMILY!
HOW ABOUT WE AT LEAST GET ENOUGH MONEY FOR A HOUSE WITH A YARD?


I CAN STILL FEEL IT IN MY BODY
ALWAYS..
...IT'S WITH ME
EVEN THOUGH IT NO LONGER HAS A PHYSICAL FORM
KINDNESS..
—AIR AND—

WHY ARE YOU AND SUNAO—
...LIVING TOGETHER?!
YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME!
HEY! WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?!
New home!
Where do I put it...?
But we feel like newlyweds
COME ON SHE NEEDS A GUARDIAN, RIGHT?
And we're like relatives

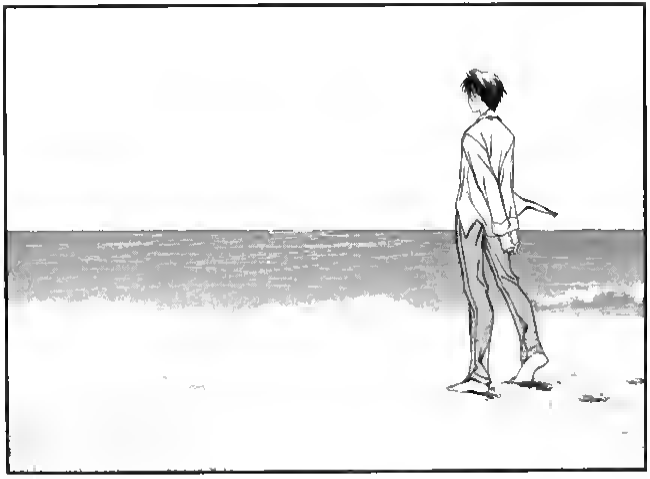
I'M BUSY! STAY THE HELL AWAY!
MAYBE WE COULD JUST FREELOAD OFF THE NEW HEAD?
The family looks like they have money and all
We'll live like kings!
SIGH

I want to live in peace!

BUT... YOU ALREADY HAVE A NICE HOME!
And it'd be more dangerous if she were alone with you!
FINE! THEN I'M GOING TO LIVE WITH YOU, TOO!
Leaving the two of you alone is too dangerous!
Puffing out her nose
Yup, yup
Totally doesn't care

Afterword

WITH GRATITUDE TO
ALL THE PEOPLE WHO
HAVE SUPPORTED ME



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